

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus suitable for containing a plant comprising:
 - a. a sleeve;
 - b. a means for securing the sleeve to a vessel; and
 - c. a means for applying ornamentation to the sleeve.
2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the means for securing is a fastener, the sleeve is at least one of: a stretchable mood fabric, a polyurethane with a shiny finish, and polyurethane with a matte finish, and the ornamentation is a user removable film.
3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the vessel is a pot for containing soil and a plant.
4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein the vessel is a saucer for containing water.
5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising a top portion for at least partially covering a top of the saucer; and a bottom portion for at least partially covering a bottom of the saucer.
6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a film for carrying the ornamentation that is attached via static cling and is changed by the owner depending on an occasion.
7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sleeve, means for securing, and the film are sold in a craft kit and further comprising a film for carrying indicia which can be easily removed from the sleeve.
8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 76, further comprising a fastener for fastening a first end of the sleeve to a second end of the sleeve.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the fastener includes at least one of the following: a zipper, button, hook, hook-and-loop fastener, snap, sewn seam, buckle, and clasp.
10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the indicia conveys a message for one of the following special days: a holiday, a birthday, a wedding, an anniversary, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Boss's Day, and Secretary's Day.
11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the indicia convey a brand message, or an advertising message.
- 12 – 15 (Cancelled)
16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the sleeve is stretchable in a first direction.
17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the sleeve is stretchable in a second and third direction.
18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~76~~ 77, wherein the second sleeve layer is constructed of a stretchable ~~moed fabric, or polyurethane-coated plastic~~.
19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the indicia display a text message that relates to a holiday.
20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the indicia relate to a special event.
21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the indicia convey a text message that conveys emotion as it relates to a specific individual.
22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the indicia convey a text message that identifies a company.
23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the ornamentation is a graphic that relates to a company.
24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 76, further comprising a graphic, which includes a corporate logo.
25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the ornamentation includes a holiday reference.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the ornamentation includes a ~~graphic that is a character~~pocket to hold objects.

27. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the ornamentation includes a photo or a hologram.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the means ~~of~~ for applying includes at least one of: static adhesion, glue, pin, button, snap, and hook and loop fastener.

30. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein the ornamentation includes at least one of the following three dimensional objects: a bead, a dangling decoration, ~~silk-screened printing, a hologram, and~~ a button, ~~graphics, stickers and text.~~

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein a vessel is made of clay and the sleeve is air permeable to provide breathability, for healthier soil and plant life in the vessel.

32. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein the second sleeve ~~has a conformed~~ fits around the sidewalls of a top rim portion of a vessel.

33. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein the sleeve is elastic to facilitate stretchability enabling insertion of a vessel into the sleeve and has overlapping finger tabs used to secure the sleeve to the pot.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Original) The invention according to claim 33 wherein said upper portion of said sleeve extends horizontally inwardly along said first horizontal plane to a first inner lip coplanar with said upper corner along said first horizontal plane, said lower portion of said sleeve extends horizontally inwardly along said second horizontal plane to a second inner lip coplanar with said lower corner along said second horizontal plane and parallel to said upper portion.

37 – 56 (Cancelled)

57. (Previously Presented) The invention according to claim 33 wherein said sleeve holds pieces of said pot in assembled condition in the event of breakage, and a portion of said sleeve can be pulled away from said pot to allow access to cracks in said pot.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Original) The invention according to claim 33 wherein said pot has a hoop direction along the circumference thereof, and an axial direction along the height thereof between said top and said bottom, and said sleeve has a pair of axial edges extending along said axial direction and joined together along said sidewall of said pot.

60. (Original) The invention according to claim 57 wherein said axial edges of said sleeve are stitched together.

61. (Currently Amended) The invention according to claim 57 wherein the sleeve has a gusset section and said axial edges are releasably attached to each other.

62. (Currently Amended) The invention according to claim 57 wherein said axial edges of said sleeve are attached to each other by a zipper and the sleeve is reversible.

63. (Original) The invention according to claim 57 wherein said axial edges of said sleeve are attached to each other by a hook and loop fastener.

64. (Original) The invention according to claim 33 comprising a liner suspended in said pot by said sleeve.

65. (Original) The invention according to claim 62 wherein said liner has an upper circumferential reach wedged between said sleeve and said upper corner of said pot to suspend said liner in said pot.

66. (Currently Amended) The invention according to claim ~~62~~65 wherein said upper reach of said liner is attached to said upper portion of said sleeve.

67. (Original) The invention according to claim 64 comprising a clip attached to said upper portion of said sleeve and suspending said liner therefrom.

68. (Previously Presented) The invention according to claim 65 further comprising a clip attached to the underside of said upper portion of said sleeve.

69. (Original) The invention according to claim 33 wherein said upper portion of said sleeve extends inwardly to an inner lip, and comprising a circumferential rim at said inner lip and having overlapping ends permitting expansion and contraction of said rim by sliding said ends circumferentially along each other, such that the diameter of said rim may be expanded to permit

insertion of said pot into said sleeve, whereafter the diameter of said rim may be reduced to facilitate conforming fit of said sleeve around said pot including conformance of said upper portion of said sleeve extending around said upper corner of said pot and then inwardly to a smaller diameter at said inner lip.

70. (Original) The invention according to claim 67 wherein said sleeve had a folded-back portion extending outwardly from said inner lip and defining a circumferential channel bounded by said upper portion and said inner lip and said folded-back portion, said rim being retained in said circumferential channel.

71. (Cancelled)

72. (Previously Presented) The invention according to claim 69 comprising extending a profile by extending each of said right and left sidewalls frustoconically upwardly to said width D_1 therebetween, where D_1 is greater than $K_x A$, and extending said profile by extending each of said right and left sidewalls frustoconically downwardly to said width D_2 therebetween, wherein D_2 is less than $K_x B$.

73. (Currently Amended) The invention according to claim 70 comprising additionally extending said profile by extending D_1 and D_2 left-right and sewing coated and uncoated stretch fabrics together to make a base pattern.

74. (Cancelled)

75. (Previously Presented) The invention according to claim 72 wherein a contracted arc is parallel to a first arc, and an extended arc is parallel to a second arc.

76. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the means for applying the ornamentation is stitching the ornamentation to the sleeve.

77. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the means for applying the ornamentation ~~plac~~ing is by adding another layer over the sleeve.